

# Town Board Minutes

**January 3, 2006**

**Meeting No. 1**

A joint meeting of the Town Board and the Planning Board of the Town of Lancaster, New York, was held at the Lancaster Town Hall, 21 Central Avenue, Lancaster, New York on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2006, at 6:30 PM and there were

**PRESENT:** DANIEL AMATURA, COUNCIL MEMBER\*  
MARK MONTOUR, COUNCIL MEMBER  
RONALD RUFFINO, COUNCIL MEMBER  
DONNA STEMPIAK, COUNCIL MEMBER  
ROBERT GIZA, SUPERVISOR  
JOHN GOBER, PLANNING BOARD MEMBER  
LAWRENCE KORZENIEWSKI, PLANNING BOARD MEMBER  
MICHAEL MYSZKA, PLANNING BOARD MEMBER  
MELVIN SZYMANSKI, PLANNING BOARD MEMBER  
STANLEY KEYSA, PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN

**ABSENT:** REBECCA ANDERSON, PLANNING BOARD MEMBER  
STEVEN SOCHA, PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

**ALSO PRESENT:** JOHANNA COLEMAN, TOWN CLERK  
RICHARD SHERWOOD, TOWN ATTORNEY  
ROBERT LABENSKI, TOWN ENGINEER

\* Council Member Amatura recused himself from discussion involving this project and from voting on this project because he at one time was a part owner of the subject property.

## **PURPOSE OF MEETING:**

This joint meeting of the Town Board and Planning Board of the Town of Lancaster was held for the purpose of acting as a Municipal Review Committee for one (1) action.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SEQR REVIEW OF THE  
WASSIM ISSA REZONE PETITION**

The Municipal Review Committee proceeded with the short Environmental Assessment Form on the Wassim Issa rezone matter with an item for item review and discussion of the project impact and magnitude as outlined on the Short Environmental Assessment Form, entitled "Part II Environmental Assessment", which was provided to each member.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED  
BY PLANNING BOARD MEMBER SZYMANSKI  
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY  
COUNCIL MEMBER GOBER, TO WIT:

**RESOLVED**, that the following Negative Declaration be adopted.

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION:  
WASSIM ISSA REZONE PETITION  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that the Town of Lancaster, acting as the designated lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, has reviewed the following described proposed action, which is an unlisted action, through its designated Municipal Review Committee, and that committee having found no significant environmental impact relative to the criteria found in 6NYCRR, Part 617.7, the lead agency now issues a Negative Declaration for the purposes of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law in accordance with 617.12.

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF LEAD AGENCY**

Town of Lancaster  
21 Central Avenue  
Lancaster, New York 14086  
Richard J. Sherwood, Town Attorney  
716-684-3342

**NATURE, EXTENT AND LOCATION OF ACTION:**

The proposed development is of a parcel involving approximately 0.499 acres.

The location of the premises being reviewed is situate at 470 Aurora Street, Erie County, Town of Lancaster, New York.

## REASONS SUPPORTING DETERMINATION

The lead agency, the Town of Lancaster, through the review of the Municipal Review Committee, which is made up of at least three (3) members of the Town Board of the Town of Lancaster together with at least three (3) members of the Planning Board of the Town of Lancaster, has found, in their item for item completion of the Short Environmental Assessment Form on this proposed action as follows:

- A. The action does not exceed any type 1 threshold in 6 NYCRR, Part 617.4.
- B. The action will not receive coordinated review as provided for unlisted actions in 6 NYCRR, Part 617.6.
- C. The proposed action will not result in any adverse effects associated with the following: (except as noted)
  - C.1 Existing air quality, surface or groundwater quality or quantity, noise levels, existing traffic patterns, solid waste production or disposal, potential for erosion, drainage or flooding problems.

**No significant adverse effects noted**

- C.2 Aesthetic, agricultural, archaeological, historic, or other natural or cultural resources; or community or neighborhood character.

**No significant adverse effects noted**

- C.3 Vegetation or fauna, fish, shellfish or wildlife species significant habitats, or threatened or endangered species.

**No significant adverse effects noted**

- C.4 A community's existing plans or goals as officially adopted, or a change in use or intensity of use of land or other natural resources.

**No significant adverse effects noted**

- C.5 Growth, subsequent development, or related activities likely to be induced by the proposed action.

**No significant adverse effects noted**

- C.6 Long term, short term, cumulative, or other effects not identified in C1-C5.

**No significant adverse effects noted**

- C.7 Other impacts (including changes in use of either quantity or type of energy).

**No significant adverse effects noted**

- D. The Town of Lancaster has not established a critical environmental area (CEA) pursuant to

subdivision 6NYCRR617.14(g), therefore the proposed action will not impact the exceptional or unique characteristics of a critical environmental area (CEA).

- E. There is not, nor is there likely to be, controversy related to potential adverse environmental impacts.

*N.B. It is noted that the zoning of the subject property is currently a matter in litigation.*

s/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert H. Giza, Supervisor  
Town of Lancaster

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and,

**BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor of the Town of Lancaster be and is hereby authorized to execute a "Negative Declaration" Notice of Determination of Non-Significance in this matter, and

**BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Attorney's Office prepare and file a "Negative Declaration" Notice of Determination of Non-Significance in this matter with the petitioner and with all required New York State and Erie County agencies, filing a copy of the letter of transmittal and "Negative Declaration" with the Town Clerk.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Notice of Determination was duly put to a voice vote which resulted as follows:

COUNCIL MEMBER AMATURA	WAS RECUSED*
COUNCIL MEMBER MONTOUR	VOTED YES
COUNCIL MEMBER RUFFINO	VOTED YES
COUNCIL MEMBER STEMPNIAK	VOTED YES
SUPERVISOR GIZA	VOTED YES
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON	WAS ABSENT
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER GOBER	VOTED YES
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER KORZENIEWSKI	VOTED YES
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER MYSZKA	VOTED YES
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER SOCHA	WAS ABSENT
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER SZYMANSKI	VOTED YES
PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN KEYSA	VOTED YES

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The Notice of Determination was thereupon adopted.  
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**ADJOURNMENT:**

ON MOTION OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBER SZYMANSKI AND  
SECONDED BY PLANNING BOARD MEMBER GOBER FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE  
MEETING, which resulted as follows:

COUNCIL MEMBER AMATURA	VOTED YES
COUNCIL MEMBER MONTOUR	VOTED YES
COUNCIL MEMBER RUFFINO	VOTED YES
COUNCIL MEMBER STEMPNIAK	VOTED YES
SUPERVISOR GIZA	VOTED YES
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON	WAS ABSENT
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER GOBER	VOTED YES
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER KORZENIEWSKI	VOTED YES
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER MYSZKA	VOTED YES
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER SOCHA	WAS ABSENT
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER SZYMANSKI	VOTED YES
PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN KEYSA	VOTED YES

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Johanna M. Coleman, Town Clerk